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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: SOLICITATION FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS—ANNOUNCEMENTS

The purpose of this information bulletin is to alert you of two U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Federal Register Notices announcing availability of funds and solicitation for grant applications.

The DOL's Office of Disability Employment Policy announced two grant competitions to fund innovative programs to assist persons with disabilities. The first is \$2.5 million that will be awarded to up to five competitive grants ranging from \$350,000 to \$500,000. These funds are made available to enhance the capacity of youth programs working in coordination with the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) to serve youth with disabilities. To be eligible, applicants must be local WIA grant recipients, fiscal agents for such grant recipients, Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIB) and/or competitively selected eligible youth service providers. To obtain more information about these funds and how to apply for them, visit the following Web site:

www.workforceatm.org/articles/template.cfm?results_art_filename=fr62602.htm

The second is \$3.5 million that will be awarded to up to seven competitive grants ranging from \$400,000 to \$700,000. These funds are made available for strategic planning and implementation activities designed to improve the employment and career advancement of people with disabilities.

The Customized Employment Grant program will provide funds to selected LWIBs as the lead entity in a partnership of public and private entities. The partnership's task is to build the capacity in local One-Stop Career Centers, which will provide customized employment services to those persons with disabilities who at present may not be regularly targeted for services by the One-Stop Career Center system. To obtain more information about these funds and how to apply for them visit the following Web site:

www.workforceatm.org/articles/template.cfm?results_art_filename=fr62602_2.htm

The application deadline for both of these competitive grants is no later than **4:45 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, on August 12, 2002.**

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